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SUBJECT: PANAMA: QUARTERLY LIVESTOCK REPORT, PN 6009

REF: PN CODE 13C

I. NUMBERS (000 HEAD)	1975	1976
A. ON FARMS (JAN 1)	,1,348	1,375
B. SLAUGHTER	222	230

II. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION (000 LBS. CWE)

A. SUPPLY

1. PRODUCTION	99,900	103,500
2. IMPORTS	825	-
3. TOTAL	100,725	103,500

B. DISAPPEARANCE

1. DOMESTIC	92,809	91,833
2. EXPORTS	7,916	11,667
(DZNELESS)	(5,937)	(8,750)
3. TOTAL	100,725	103,500

C. PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION

1. POPULATION (000)	1,668	1,705
2. LBS. PER PERSON	55.6	53.9

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III. EXPORTS (000 LBS. BONELESS; SUBJECT TO PL 88-482)

A. TO U.S.

I	311	1,734
II	90	130
III	134	1,000
IV	2,152	2,636

B. U.S. TOTAL 2,687 5,500

C. OTHER COUNTRIES - -

D. CANAL ZONE 3,250 3,250

E. TOTAL 5,937 8,750

IV COMMENTS -- DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST QUARTERLY REPORT
ARE FOLLOWING:

A) EXPORTS TO U.S. FOR 1975 ADJUSTED TO SHOW OFFICIAL
EXPORT DATA.

B) IMPORT AND EXPORT DATA CONCERNING AUSTRALIAN MEAT PROCESSED
IN PANAMA HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED FROM 1976 DATA IN THIS REPORT.
SEE PARAGRAPH 6 OF PANAMA 2547 FOR BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING
AUSTRALIAN MEAT EXPORTS. NATIONAL MEAT SHIPPED FIRST AND
SECOND QUARTERS ARE BASED ON EXPORT REGISTRATIONS
OBTAINED FROM PRICE CONTROL OFFICE.

C) CE NORMAL YEARS WITH RAINS BEGINNING APRIL AND MAY,
PASTURES RECOVER FROM THE DRY SEASON AND CATTLE REGAIN
LOST WEIGHT. PACKINGHOUSES RETURN TO NORMAL SLAUGHTER
LEVELS IN MID AUGUST AND PRESSURE TO EXPORT INCREASES.
SITUATION DIFFERENT THIS YEAR DUE TO DROUGHT (SEE
PANAMA 5361) THAT HAS INTENSIFIED AND SPREAD IN LAST
SEVERAL WEEKS. GENERAL OPINION IS THAT THERE WILL
BE SHARP INCREASE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AT LIGHTER
WEIGHTS AS DROUGHT CONTINUES.

D) AGATT ESTIMATE OF NATIONAL MEAT AVAILABLE FOR
EXPORT TO U.S. REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 5.5 MILLION POUNDS;
HOWEVER, EXPORT POTENTIAL DURING THIRD QUARTER MAY BE
HIGHER DUE TO DROUGHT INDUCED SLAUGHTER.

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